



EPIC Trust

Empowering People through
Independence and Choice

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

TALENTS VOLUNTEER

Service: Learning Disabilities, Elders & Mental Health Services

Summary: This role is for volunteers who wish to share a particular talent or passion and would be interested in leading a regular workshop at supported housing schemes for service users with learning disabilities, mental health issues or who are elderly. The age range and needs of our service users vary and staff members will also be present to support during classes.

Location: Schemes are based in different locations throughout Islington, Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Waltham Forest and various other boroughs across London.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to get involved by:

- Co-ordinating, planning and delivering workshops for individual, or small groups of, service users at one or more of our supported housing schemes (staff will be there to support service users).
- Building trusting relationships with service users and creating an atmosphere where it feels safe and comfortable for them to express themselves openly.
- Motivating service users and encouraging them to get involved.
- Actively listening to service users' views and seeking their feedback at the end of classes in order to inform the direction of future classes (e.g. via accessible evaluation forms).

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Passionate about sharing their skills and talents with vulnerable people
- Enjoy working with small groups and are able to motivate and inspire people to participate and offer individual support when required
- Good communicators and are able to adapt their communication style to suit the service users they are working with
- Sensitive to the needs of vulnerable service users living in the community
- Person-centred, patient, empathic and non-judgemental in their approach
- Able to work in an anti-discriminatory manner
- Can work within EPIC Trust's key policies, including Health & Safety, Confidentiality, Adult Protection, Financial Regulations, Diversity & Equal Opportunities and Code of Conduct.

Hours & Expenses:

This is a flexible volunteering opportunity and volunteering times and frequency will vary depending on your availability and the needs of service users. A class might run once every week or every two weeks for one hour/ two hours but how much time you commit really depends on how much time you have to offer.

We will pay for travel expenses to and from the workplace. Supervision and high quality training will also be provided.